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1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES COMMATT'S REPORT ON MEETING WITH LTC QASIM OF MILITARY INTELLIGENCE OFFICE REGARDING SUBJECT OF RENEWED GOI INTEREST IN SPARE PARTS FOR M-20 AND M-24 TANKS AND M-113 APCs.

2. POSSIBILITY OF A MORE FORTHCOMING USG POLICY ON MILITARY -RELATED SALES IS NOW SUBJECT OF POLICY REVIEW HERE BUT WE SEE NO RPT NO EARLY LIKELIHOOD OF REAL CHANGE IN OUR PRESENT POLICY OF TOTAL EMBARGO ON MILITARY EXPORTS TO IRAQ.

3. IN REPLYING TO QASIM ON MATTER OF IDENTIFYING U.S. MANUFACTURERS OF NEEDED SPARES, YOU SHOULD INDICATE THAT WE FEEL IT WOULD BE PREMATURE FOR US TO PROVIDE SUCH INFORMATION SINCE WE WOULD IN ANY CASE BE UNABLE TO AUTHORIZE THE EXPORT OF THE SPARE PARTS THEMSELVES. FYI. NAMES OF
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MANUFACTURERS-PRIMARILY FMC CORP OF CALIFORNIA-ARE AVAILABLE

THROUGH COMMERCIAL CHANNELS. WE PREFER, HOWEVER, NOT TO
PROVIDE ANY ENCOURAGEMENT OURSELVES OF GOI INTEREST IN THIS
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